National Guidelines on PDS

1740. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the time since when the national guidelines for P.D.S. have been effective and whether some changes have been effected to the original guidelines;

(b) what are the details of the existing guidelines for P.D.S. and to what extent public satisfaction has been achieved by the end March, 1993 under the scheme; and

(c) what proposal Government are contemplating to achieve 100 per cent public satisfaction through P.D.S.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) As per present policy of the Central Government, access to the Public Distribution System (PDS) is universal. The strengthening and streamlining of PDS is a continuous process and in order to improve the reach of PDS in far-flung, hilly, remote and inaccessible areas, the Government has identified over 1700 Blocks for implementing the Revamped Public Distribution System.

A Committee of State Ministers was constituted for evolving a National Policy on PDS to focus attention on the need to allocate larger and more meaningful quantities to the needy and deserving sections of the population. The Committee has submitted its Report, which is being examined.

Identification of Additional Backward Blocks

1741. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state.

(a) whether more blocks of villages have been identified as most backward in addition to the first lot of 1700 blocks, needing specially subsidised food items; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating statewise details of such blocks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Blocks identified in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations which are covered by various area specific programmes such as Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP), Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDP) and Designated Hill Areas (DHA) are 1752. Statewise details of the blocks are given in the Annexure. [*see* Appendix CLXVIII, Annexure No. 29]

1742. [*Transferred to 18th August, 1993*]

मध्य प्रदेश में सहकारिता आधार पर उचित दर की दुकानें

1743. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग :** क्या **नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रपति शासन लागू किये जाने से पूर्व उचित दर की दुकानों का कार्य सहकारिता आधार पर चल रहा था; और

(ख) यदि हां तो क्या वही व्यवस्था आज भी जारी है और यदि नहीं तो उस व्यवस्था को बदले जाने के क्या कारण थे ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) और (ख) जी हां।